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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/034,853 for  
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COLLECTING FLAT  
AND LETTER UNITS  
Our Ref. No. 063288-0350 (1174/117/2)

Sir;

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) to Withdraw Abandonment (2 pages);
2. Copy of Notice of Abandonment (2 pages);
3. Copy of Notice Regarding Drawings dated December 2, 2004 (2 pages);
4. Copy of Transmittal Letter, Amendment Transmittal, Preliminary Amendment, Transmittal of Formal Drawings and Figure 6B filed September 25, 2003 (9 pages); and
5. Copy of return receipt postcard stamped by OIPE dated September 29, 2003 showing receipt of the noted Preliminary Amendment and Figure 6B (1 page).

Please contact our offices if there are any questions with this matter.

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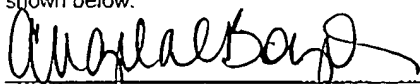
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Middelberg et al.

Group Art Unit: 3653

**Serial No.: 10/034,853**

Examiner: Schlak, Daniel K

Filed: December 28, 2001

Docket No. 063288-0350 (1174/117/2)

Confirmation No.: 9627

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COLLECTING FLAT AND LETTER UNITS

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) TO WITHDRAW ABANDONMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment, dated April 18, 2005, for failure to timely file a reply to the Notice Regarding Drawings, dated December 2, 2004. Copies of the Notice of Abandonment and the Notice Regarding Drawings are attached hereto.

The Notice Regarding Drawings, dated December 2, 2004, indicated that Figure 6B was missing from the Application and needed to be submitted. A Preliminary Amendment, however, had been filed on September 25, 2003, wherein the only item submitted was Figure 6B. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment is attached hereto as is a copy of the return receipt postcard stamped OIPE dated September 29, 2003, showing receipt by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the Preliminary Amendment, including Figure 6B. Additionally, upon receiving the Notice

Serial No.: 10/034,853

Regarding Drawings, Applicants were advised by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 9, 2004 that Figure 6B had been matched up with the file and that no further action was needed.

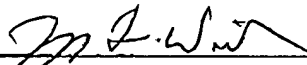
In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment in this Application.

Although it is believed that no fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account No. 50-0426.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/034,853	12/28/2001	Neal J. Middelberg	1174/1172	9627
20277	7590	04/18/2005	EXAMINER	
MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP 600 13TH STREET, N.W. WASHINGTON, DC 20005-3096			BEAUCHAINE, MARK J	
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

This application is abandoned in view of:

☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 12/2/04.

☐ A reply (with Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of \_\_\_\_\_) was received on \_\_\_\_\_ which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ A proposed reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to the final rejection.  
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).

☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a *bona fide* attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in the last box below).

☒ No reply has been received.

☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).

☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) (or Notice of Publication Fee Due).

☐ The submitted fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is due.  
The issue fee by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The publication fee, if required, by 37 CFR 1.18(d) is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, have not been received.

☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37).

☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.

☐ No corrected drawings have been received.

☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all the applicants.

☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon filing of a continuing application.

☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.

☐ The reason(s) below: \_\_\_\_\_  
Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

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APPLICATION NUMBER	035 FILING DATE	FIRST NAME APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/0034853	12/28/2001	Neal J. Middleberg	63288-350

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Examiner: Daniel, Schlak

Art Unit  
3653Sheet No.  
#

Date Mailed: December 2, 2004

**Notice Regarding Drawings**

Corrected drawings for the above-identified application, received in the USPTO on September 29, 2003 still not acceptable for the reason(s) identified on the attached PTO-948. Applicant is given one opportunity to correct the informalities within a two-month time period from the mailing date of this Notice. **THIS TIME PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR 1.136(b).** Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in abandonment of the application.

ATTACHMENT: PTO-948 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Review **RETURN CORRECTED DRAWINGS TO:**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450DOCKET DATES: 12.2.05  
ASSIGNED ATTY: JLW  
FILE NO. 1174/117/2  
DOCKETED BY: HMD  
DATE: 12.7.04

Form PTO-948 (Rev. 06/03)  
Application No. 10/634853

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# NOTICE OF DRAFTSPERSON'S PATENT DRAWING REVIEW

The drawing(s) filed (insert date) 9/29/03 are:

- A. ☒ approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.  
B. ☒ objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. Corrected drawings are required.

**1. DRAWINGS.** 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings: Black ink or Color (3 sets required).

☐ Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Pencil and non black ink not permitted. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. PHOTOGRAPHS.** 37 CFR 1.84(b)

☐ One (1) full-tone set is required. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Photographs may not be mounted. 37 CFR 1.84(e)

☐ Photographs must meet paper size requirements of 37 CFR 1.84(f). Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**3. TYPE OF PAPER.** 37 CFR 1.84(e)

☐ Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable.

Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, copy machine marks not accepted.

Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**4. SIZE OF PAPER.** 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes:

21.0 cm by 29.7 cm (DIN size A4) or

21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (8 1/2 x 11 inches)

☐ All drawing sheets not the same size.

Sheet(s) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Drawings sheets not an acceptable size. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**5. MARGINS.** 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins:

Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm

☐ Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Top (T) Left (L)

Right (R) Bottom (B)

**6. VIEWS.** 37 CFR 1.84(h)

REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes, e.g., if Fig. 1 is changed to Fig. 1A, Fig 1B and Fig. 1C, etc., the specification, at the Brief Description of the Drawings, must likewise be changed.

☐ Views not labeled separately or properly.

Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**7. SECTIONAL VIEWS.** 37 CFR 1.84(h)(3)

☐ Sectional designation should be noted with

Arabic or Roman numbers. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS.** 37 CFR 1.84(i)

☐ Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**9. SCALE.** 37 CFR 1.84(k)

☐ Scale not large enough to show mechanism without crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction.

Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS.** 37 CFR 1.84(l)

☐ Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality). Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**11. SHADING.** 37 CFR 1.84(m)

☐ Solid black areas pale. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS.** 37 CFR 1.84(p)

☐ Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Figure legends are poor. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(1) Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2)

Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Numbers, letters and reference characters must be at least 32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3). Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**13. LEAD LINES.** 37 CFR 1.84(q)

☐ Lead lines missing. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS.** 37 CFR 1.84(t)

☐ Sheets not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numbers beginning with number 1. Sheet(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS.** 37 CFR 1.84(u)

☐ Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, beginning with number 1. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**16. DESIGN DRAWINGS.** 37 CFR 1.152

☐ Surface shading shown not appropriate.

Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Solid black surface shading is not permitted except when used to represent the color black as well as color contrast. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMENTS:

*Fig 6B missing; marks to be submitted*

Reviewer WJG

If you have questions, call (703) 305-8404.

Date 12/2/03

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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/034,853 for  
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Our Ref. No. 063288-0350

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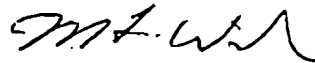
Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. An Amendment Transmittal Form;
2. A Preliminary Amendment (Amendment A)
3. A Transmittal of Formal Drawings;
4. One (1) sheet of formal drawings;
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Application No.: 10/034,853

Group No.: 3651

Filed: 12/28/2001

Examiner: Not Assigned

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

## STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

## EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10\*

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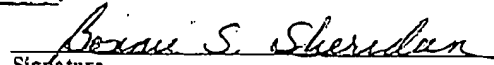
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## FEE FOR CLAIMS

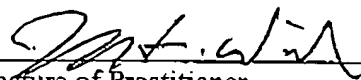
4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	76	- 76	= 0	x \$ 18.00	= \$	0.00	
INDEP.	6	- 6	= 0	x \$ 84.00	= \$	0.00	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 0.00	= \$	0.00	
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$	0.00	

No additional fee for claims is required.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-reference application as follows:

Serial No.: 10/034,853

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please add Figure 6B, attached hereto.

Serial No.: 10/034,853

REMARKS

Drawings

The official publication of the present application, U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. US 2003/0085512 A1, is missing Figure 6B. Though the return postcard received by Applicants in the present application, date stamped by the PTO on December 28, 2001, indicates that the application was originally filed with 18 drawing sheets (which is the complete number of original drawing sheets), it is not known for certain whether original Figure 6B was actually omitted from the original filing package or misplaced from the official record. As such, a true copy of Figure 6B intended to have been filed with the original application is attached herewith for entry into the record of the present application.

Applicants note that no new matter will be added as a result of entry of Figure 6B. Figure 6B is fully described and referenced in the application as originally filed and is part of a sequence of drawings, Figures 6A, 6B and 6C, depicting various stages of operation of the same apparatus. Each of Figures 6A, 6B and 6C are substantially similar to the other drawings in this sequence, and contain the same elements. The primary difference between Figures 6A, 6B and 6C is the location of certain elements relative to other elements. The descriptions of the apparatus as shown in each of Figures 6A, 6B and 6C, and the differences between Figures 6A, 6B and 6C, are clearly and expressly

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provided in the written description of the application as originally filed, particularly at p. 13, lines 4-12.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that Figure 6B be entered at this time.

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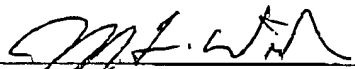
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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a new drawing, Figure 6B (1 sheet) for filing in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

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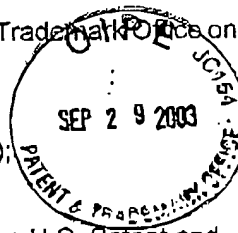
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